Cooperative Development Corporation, an amount of Rs. 95 lakhs has been allocated by the State Government during the current year 1989-90 from out of Special Central Assistance released by the Government of India. Funds are released keeping in view the availability of funds.

Schemes for the supply of drinking water in Kerala

1160. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to implement any scheme in Kerala to tackle the drinking water problem; and

(b) whether any foreign aid is expected towards drinking water supply projects in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The schemes for supply of safe drinking water in 'No source problem villages' and partially covered villages in Kerala are being implemented by the State Government under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Mini Mission and Sub Mission projects under the National Drinking Water Mission.

(b) No, Sir.

Import of newsprint

@1161. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the newspaper industry to import newsprint to meet the shortage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir. Newsprint is a canalised item imported through State Trading Corporation of India, Government have taken necessary steps to ensure adequate and sustained supply of newprint.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of inferior quality rice through Fair Price Shops

1162. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that inferior quality rice is being supplied through Fair Price Shops in Delhi while charging the rate of super fine variety;

(b) whether it is due to mal-practices in collusion with the F.C.I. staff and fair price shop owners; and

(c) whether Government propose to give at least 10 Kg. of superfine rice to rice eaters in Delhi per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Super-fine variety of rice is distributed through fair price shops in Delhi. However, the rice presently distributed conforms to a slightly relaxed specifications but within the specification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Entitlement per person is decided upon the availability, at any particular time.

कपास उत्पादन का लक्ष्य

1163. श्री मोर्जा इशाविजेग : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

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